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Campus Station WNTE Makes Debut March 17

Campus radio station WNTE, operated jointly by students of Clarkson College and Potsdam State Teachers College, began its regular schedule of broadcasts on Wednesday night with a special opening program.

With its range limited to the immediate vicinity of Potsdam, the new carrier-current station will broadcast over a frequency of 640 kilocycles. During the past week finishing touches have been put on the station's temporary studios at the corner of Main Street and Pierpont Avenue.

According to Station Manager Nick Sfikas, a senior at Clarkson College, the station will broadcast from 9 to 11 p. m. each week day evening. After the Tuesday, March 23, broadcast, the station will be off the air during the spring vacation until Monday, April 5.

Wednesday night's special opening broadcast climaxed over a year of organizational activity. Plans for the station were first originated early last year by the Clarkson Electronic Society, a student activity interested in amateur radio broadcasting. Students from the State Teachers College were invited to participate and the committee became a trial member of the Intercollegiate Broadcasting System.

Following test broadcasts last summer, the student committee met with faculty representatives from both colleges who authorized the station and agreed to contribute the initial equipment.

On November 12, the station's constitution was ratified by the 22 members of the organization committee who became charter members and elected the first group of officers.

At the present time, 92 students have been voted members of the station by the executive board. The seven student officers, who comprise the executive board are Nick Sfikas, station manager; Bill Moonan, assistant station manager; Mary Smith, secretary; Gene Mueller, program chairman; Frank Bradley, engineering chairman; Dan Weinberg, business chairman; and Ronald Elliott, publicity chairman.

As a member of the Intercollegiate Broadcasting System, the new carrier-current station is the eighth station to go on the IBS New York State Region. The IBS is composed of a number of similar college stations which exchange programs and other information through the central organization. Radio station KSLU at St. Lawrence University is also an IBS member.

Construction on the permanent studios, to be located behind the Crane House on Elm Street, was delayed by the cold weather, Sfikas explained. The present studio is located in rooms allocated Clarkson student publications, and construction on the new studio will begin shortly.

The two-hour broadcast schedule will be increased as the students gain in experience and it is planned to broadcast concerts,

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athletic contests and other special events, from the Teachers College, Civic Center and athletic fields.

Faculty advisors to the student group include Donald W. Boyd Jr., director of public relations at Clarkson, and Dr. Wilmer K. Trauger, head of the English department at PSTC, as general advisors. Others are Robert John McGill, Donald W. McPheeters and Donald F. McIntyre, all from Clarkson, and David Schaal, Paul Hafer, Rocque Dominick and Thomas Barrington, of the Teachers College faculty.